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LETTER DATED 26 APRIL 1996 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to my report to the Security Council on the situation in Tajikistan dated 22 March 1996 (S/1996/212), in which I informed members, inter alia, that my Special Envoy for Tajikistan, Mr. Ramiro Piriz-Ballon, had assumed an important post in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and could not continue to perform the functions of my Special Envoy. I also mentioned that I would shortly inform the Council of the arrangements I would be making to replace him.

I have now decided to appoint Mr. Gerd Merrem (Germany), currently the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Drug Control Programme, as my Special Representative for Tajikistan. He will be based in Dushanbe, where he will perform the functions of Head of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT), and also provide good offices in the inter-Tajik political dialogue.

The Government of Tajikistan and the leadership of the Tajik opposition, in separate communications to me, have concurred with the appointment of Mr. Merrem and stated their readiness to cooperate fully with him.

I should be grateful if you would bring the information contained in the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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